

### THE ART OF HEALING vs. THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SYSTEM

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the medical profession. I refer to the Anti-Vivisection Societies, Medical Liberty Leagues, etc. The former by attacking vivisection greatly reduces the bureaucracy forming tendencies of the medicos, and the financial profits from the practice would be also cut out. The latter organization is very much more outspoken against the money-making propensities of the doctors, vaccine manufacturers and the like, but has rather a weakness in that they tend to set up some of the other cults on a pedestal and thus breed another gang of parasites. By all means let them practice but don't make them think that they are always right and the others wrong. If this is done in a short time the chiros etc. will be turning round and persecuting in their turn later and newer "cults" that come along. Any cult will try to put up the bars of the clover field they are in to prevent others from coming in, and always the cry is that they are "protecting the public."

Vivisection is based upon the same line of reasoning that leads to the more terrible exploitation of children and some workers, and anyway I hold with Shaw that honorable men do not behave dishonorable even to dogs. There is widespread theft of pets to keep the maws of the Labs. supplied, a form of stealing that is of the very worst sort. Any dog used may have been the boon companion of a family of kiddies, and it is even known that in many places gangs of small boys are organized to steal them. A vet. had such a gang in Toronto, and was found out when one of his proteges robbed the Humane Society's collection box. He was only fined \$40.00, owing to a doctor proclaiming his excellent character. Such men as Bernard Shaw, Edward Carpenter, George Lansbury and others are active in these movements. For it must be seen that nationalization of the medical profession will not do away with all these evils, as Shaw seems to assume. Russia is educating thousands of doctors, but along the old lines, teaching them the doctrines and superstitions that had their origin in capitalism, feudalism, and even permitting the shipment of Russia of enormous quantities of vaccines, when food and clothing were what were needed. But the Vaccine firms saw their opportunity, and got hold of the Red Cross and the American Relief Associations. And this is done after Abrams, of San Francisco has demonstrated without doubt that all vaccines are contaminated with bovine syphilis, and often T.B. and other taints as well.

In short, if the Art of Healing is allowed to keep its institutional nature, the article by Scott Nearing in the Call Weekly for March 11, 1923 on the Church will apply equally to it. The progress will not come from within the organization; innovations will be always fought instead of investigated and their promulgators persecuted. So we must do away with the organization and keep free.

We must look forward to a society like Edward Carpenter has imaged, a people that are healthy, happy and able to take care of themselves without any parasitic institutions to keep them well. Hospitals will only be needed for accidents and maternity and it is to be hoped manned by those who work in them, not to make a "living" but who consider it an honor to serve thus in their spare time. You will say this is impossible to be realized. It is, for the nation as a whole, but a start can be made in our own individual lives and in the lives of our families. Drug stores and other unnecessary things can be dispensed with, food "manufacturers" wares avoided, and in a thousand and one ways patronage withdrawn from the octopus-like growths that enslave the peoples, and in so doing even make them believe that a boon has been granted to all by their "beneficent" actions. Only thus will we be able to come through civilization and bring into reality the ideals pictured by the poets, prophets and teachers of all time.

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## Exploitation of the Farmer

THE average prairie farmer carries a debt of least \$1,000 at 8 per cent. per quarter section. He has to purchase commodities such as groceries, coal, machinery or repairs to machinery, new buildings, to the amount of \$500 yearly. The threshing bill amounts to about \$180, the freight charges are either deducted at the elevator or he pays the R. R. company \$155 per 1,000 bushels if he ships to Winnipeg. Insurance of various kinds will run around \$80, other items \$100, making a yearly expense of approximately \$1,000 per quarter section.

If the farmer raises 1,000 bushels per quarter section yearly, which is perhaps a high average yield, and he sells for \$1 a bushel, it is easy to see where the farmer gets off at.

Now I figure that the farmer does not receive more than one-quarter of the value of his commodity when he exchanges it through the price system for the factory products and transportation which he has to buy from the owners of such industries, which have a high concentration of capital, against the low composition employed by the farmer, the remaining 75 per cent going to those parasites in the form of rent, interest, and profit, in the process of exchange.

This rent, interest and profit system is of no advantage to the farmer, it is only advantageous to the non-productive capitalist class, to the farmers it means delivering up hundreds of thousands of bushels of wheat or other grain, hogs or cattle in vast numbers to the capitalist class, for which they receive no return.

This exploitation in a capitalist state is legalized robbery, for the benefit of the capitalist class who control that state. The rent, interest and profit which the farmer pays, easily amounts to the value of the farm in ten years.

Don't be fooled by the cry for a wheat board, how can it benefit us under a system of private ownership of the basic industries, whereby we would still be robbed of 75 per cent. of our production?

If you admit the rights of private property in the means of life, then if you are logical, you must allow to the owner of that property all the profits he can extract from the fact of such ownership, and you have no kick coming, if you get it in the neck, through the operation of the system.

To the owner of a cow belongs the calf. To the owner of a slave belongs the slave and everything the slave produces.

Don't be led astray by the cry of no tariff, or high tariff, advocated by the press and politicians at election times, it is only a struggle between sections of the capitalist class. The cost of production may be high or low, the price of commodities will vary accordingly. During the war when wheat was two dollars a bushel, land and machinery went soaring. Land went to \$80 an acre, double the pre-war price. If costs of production are high, then the price of commodities is high, we are not robbed by tariffs, but \$5,000 to \$10,000 worth of products, paid out in 10 years in rent, interest and profits, denies to the farmers a comfortable home, proper clothing for himself and his family, causes him eat as a producer of food, the poorer quality, not to mention the absence of pleasure coupled with the idiocy of rural life.

The present capitalist government is the executive committee of the exploiting class, their function is the holy trinity of rent, interest and profit. They stand opposed to the interest of the wealth producers.

Get acquainted with the literature of the Socialist Party of Canada. Read the "Western Clarion"

and the 'Slave of the Farm,' which will help to rid our minds of the private property delusions which prevent us from realizing our true position as a subject class. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain by the abolition of capitalist exploitation. Do you realize that under the present system of slavery, the workers who by the expenditure of their physical and mental energy on the natural resources of mother earth produce the wealth of the world (and there is no other method of producing wealth than by the application of human energy) are generally poor, while those who do not engage in useful labor have all the good things of life?

Think it over! It may prove as profitable and stimulating as dreaming of the big crop "NEXT YEAR."

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